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1. FULL TEXT CHARGE'S REMARKS NOVEMBER 15 TRANSMITTED
IN ENGLISH REF B. FULL TEXT TRANSLITERATION AS RE-
QUESTED REF C WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL. ACCOUNT OF
ARBATOV'S REMARKS SEPTTEL. ACCOUNTS OF TOASTS AT
SPASO HOUSE NOVEMBER 16 AT STAG RECEPTION ON OCCASION
OF 40TH ANNIVERSARY U.S.-SOVIET DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
FOLLOW.

2. SUBSTANCE OF CHARGE'S NOVEMBER 15 TOAST AS RE-
CONSTRUCTED FROM EMBOFF'S INTERPRETING NOTES:

MR. MINISTER, HONORED GUESTS. IT IS A GREAT
PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO SPASO HOUSE TODAY ON
OCCASION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE PAST 40 YEARS HAVE
BEEN YEARS BOTH OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND TURMOIL. WE HAD
SCARCELY BEGUN PROCESS OF ADJUSTING TO ONE ANOTHER
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FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WHEN WE WERE FACED

WITH A COMMON THREAT. WE RESPONDED TO THAT THREAT AS ALLIES. HISTORY WILL LONG REMEMBER THE HEROIC AND SELFLESS EFFORTS OF OUR TWO PEOPLES TO OVERCOME THAT THREAT.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE ALL KNOW THE PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED, KNOWN AS THE "COLD WAR", AND ITS STERILE EFFECT ON OUR RELATIONS.

BUT EVEN IN THAT PERIOD, THERE WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT TWO THINGS. FIRST, OUR TWO PEOPLES MAINTAINED RESPECT AND SYMPATHY FOR ONE ANOTHER. SECOND, THE DIFFERENCES WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN US WERE NOT RELATED TO CLAIMS AGAINST EACH OTHER, BUT REFLECTED DIFFERENCES OF OPINION REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THIRD REGIONS OF THE WORLD.

WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT, WE HAVE NOW ENTERED A NEW ERA IN MUTUAL RELATIONS. THE ESSENCE OF THIS NEW PERIOD, ITS HOPES AND ITS POTENTIAL, IS WELL EXPRESSED IN THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED BASIC PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS SIGNED ON MAY 29, 1972, IN MOSCOW BY PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU LEONID ILYICH BREZHNEV.

CERTAIN PHRASES FROM THAT DOCUMENT STAND OUT IN MY MIND. IT SPEAKS OF EXERCISING RESTRAINT IN OUR MUTUAL RELATIONS. AND IT SAYS THAT DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SPIRIT OF RECIPROCITY, MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION AND MUTUAL BENEFIT.

IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL PRESENT HERE TO GIVE LIFE TO THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN IN THAT DOCUMENT. IN MARKING THIS OCCASION, I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN TOAST - FIRST, TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US AND HAVE MADE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS, AND SECOND, TO THE NEXT 40 YEARS, THAT THEY MAY SHOW CONTINUED PROGRESS AND THAT OUR COMMON EFFORTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY BOTH OF OUR TWO PEOPLES AND OF ALL PEOPLES OF WORLD. TO DEEPEDED UNDERSTANDING, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND OUR TWO PEOPLES. ND TOAST.

3. DEP FON MIN PEGOV RESPONDED WITH TOAST ALONG SIMILAR LINES, EMPHASIZING OUR WARTIME ALLIANCE AGAINST UNCLASSIFIED

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"FASCISM AND MILITARISM" AND WELCOMING CURRENT PERIOD OF IMPROVED RELATIONS.
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